



International Student Handbook
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Travel to and From Bryant University

Campus Location:

Bryant University
1150 Douglas Pike
Smithfield, RI- 02917

Road Trips. How Far Is...?

Need a break from school? Want to go visit friends in larger cities across the U.S?
Here is a quick list of cities and the approximate time and distance to get there from the Bryant campus.

Cities	Distance in Miles	Time
Providence, RI	12	15 minutes
Newport, RI	41	48 minutes
Boston, MA	42	1 hour
Cape Cod, MA	83	1hr 20 minutes
New York City, NY	183.20	3hrs, 30 minutes
Chicago, IL	970	15 hours
Los Angeles, CA	2,971.80	43 hours

Bryant Transit Authority (BTA):

The Bryant Transit Authority (BTA) transports students the following places: The Lincoln Mall, Providence Place Mall, Smithfield Crossing, Apple Valley Mall, Providence Train Station, Bonanza Bus Station, and T.F. Green Airport. For more information, contact Bryant Center Operations at 401-232-6117.

Bus services:

Grey Hound Bus Lines
Kennedy plaza, Downtown Providence
<http://greyhound.com/home.asp>

Peter Pan Bus Station: Bonanza Division
1 Bonanza Way, Providence, RI *or* Kennedy Plaza,
Downtown Providence
<http://www.peterpanbus.com/home/>

Airports:

Providence T.F. Green (PVD)
2119 Post Road
Warwick, RI 02886
<http://www.pvdairport.com/>

Train Services:

Providence Train Station
100 Gaspee Street
Providence, RI 02903

Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority
Stopping at South Attleboro and
Downtown Providence
<http://www.mbta.com/>

Personal Vehicle:

Boston Logan International Airport
1 Harborside Drive
East Boston, MA 02128
<http://www.massport.com/logan/default.aspx>

**Regardless of age or year in school, all students at Bryant are allowed to have a car on campus and there are no parking fees. License information can be retrieved at:
<http://bryant2.bryant.edu/~icc/license.html>

What to Bring

What to Wear:

- Comfortable clothes and shoes you can go to class in
- One or two dressy outfits and shoes for more formal affairs
- Work-out clothes and sneakers
- Sweatshirts, sweatpants, and pajamas for lounging around
- Bathing suit
- Light jacket
- Heavy coat, mittens, hat and scarf.

Stuff for Your Room:

- Comforter/bedspread (for twin long)
- Pillow and pillow cases
- Bed linens (for twin long)
- Clothes hangers
- Coffee mug
- Drinking cups, dishes and silverware for snacks
- Plastic containers with tight lids for storing snacks, detergent, etc.
- Headphones (so your music doesn't bother your roommate or neighbors)
- Power strip (USB approved)
- TV/VCR/DVD-Player (there is a common area TV if you do not want to bring one)
- Stereo
- Hair dryer
- Alarm clock
- Micro fridge (They are also available for rent)
- Crates or stacking containers

Keep it Clean:

- Bathrobe
- Shower shoes
- Towels, washcloths
- Soap
- Shampoo
- Shaving cream and razors
- Small bucket for carrying shower things
- Facial tissues
- Toilet paper
- Laundry basket/bag
- Laundry detergent
- Dryer sheets
- Dishwashing detergent
- Roll of quarters
- Band-Aids
- Cold medicine
- Aspirin

Stuff for School:

- Binders, folders
- Writing utensils
- Calculator
- Day-planner

Good Things to Have:

- Access to money
- Umbrella
- Key ring
- Flashlight
- Camera
- Batteries
- International pre-paid calling card
- Snacks for your room

Not To Bring:

For a list of the things you should not bring, go to: web.bryant.edu/~reslife/not%20to%20bring.doc

Academic Resources

The Academic Center for Excellence (ACE)

The Academic Center for Excellence (ACE) provides programs and services that empower Bryant students to achieve their goal of academic success. They have:

- Learning, and writing specialists;
- Learning disability services;
- Peer tutoring;
- Learning labs; and
- Workshops.

For more information: <http://web.bryant.edu/~ace>

Douglas and Judith Krupp Library

The Douglas and Judith Krupp Library is located within the George E. Bello Center for Information and Technology. It offers basic services such as printing, and photocopying. The library also has a reference department, study rooms, and audio visual/classrooms and labs. It is also a member of the Higher Education Library Information Network (HELIN).

For more information: <http://web.bryant.edu/~library/>

Off-Campus Entertainment

Restaurants:

For all the food lovers out there who miss that home cooked meal at home or just prefer to eat out.

Parentes Pub & Restaurant (0.22 miles)

1114 Douglas Pike
Smithfield, RI
401-231-7600

Chili's Grille & Bar (3.77 miles)

210 Smithfield Xing
Smithfield, RI
401-232-2280

Crickets Restaurant (1.02 miles)

280 Washington Highway, Route 116
Smithfield, RI 02917
401-232-0300

Panera Bread (4.89)

180 Smithfield Crossing
Smithfield RI 02917
401-233-7633

House of Pizza (1.07 miles)

970 Douglas Pike # 2
Smithfield, RI
401-233-8133

J's Deli (1.20 miles)

285 Washington Hwy
Smithfield, RI 02917
401-231-0823

Asia Grille (3.78 miles)

Lincoln Mall Plaza
622 Washington Hwy.
Lincoln, RI 02865
401-334-3200

SPECIALTY FOODS:

Thai

Galaxie II (6.28 miles)
1449 Mineral Spring Avenue
North Providence, RI 02904-3134
401-354-4570

Thai Garden (5.54 miles)
280 Main Street
Woonsocket, RI
401-765-7010

Pakarang Exquisite Thai (9.84 miles)
303 S Main Street
Providence, RI 02903
401-453-3660

Spanish

Café Madrid (4.83 miles)
104 Capwell Avenue
Woonsocket, RI 02895
401-766-2969

El Salvador (8.18 miles)
204 Broad Street
Pawtucket, RI 02860
401-722-3272

Japanese

Tokyo Restaurant (10.3 miles)
231 Wickenden Street
Providence, RI 02903
401-331-5330

Haruki Japanese (10.14 miles)
1210 Oaklawn Avenue
Cranston, RI 02910

Middle Eastern

East Side Pockets (9.62 miles)
278 Thayer St
Providence, RI 02906-1548

Quickets
285 Washington Hwy
Smithfield, RI 02917

Indian

Bombay Club (9.15 miles)
145 Dean Street
Providence, RI 02903
<http://www.bombayclubri.com/>
401-273-6363

Taste of India (10.2 miles)
230 Wickenden St
Providence, RI 02903-4330
401-421-4355

Kabob-N-Curry (9.65 miles)
261 Thayer St
Providence, RI 02906-1324
401-273-8844

Caribbean

Tina's Jamaican Caribbean Restaurant (10.8 miles)
223 Atwells Avenue
Providence, RI 02903
401-490-4625
<http://www.tinasjamaican.faihtweb.com/>

There are many other specialty restaurants in Providence, RI. For more information, go to:
<http://www.thecityofprovidence.com/restaurant/index.html>

Shopping:

OUTLETS & MALLS

Providence Place Mall (10 miles)

One Providence Place

Providence, RI 02903

www.ProvidencePlace.com

Lincoln Mall (2.83 miles)

622 Washington Highway,

Lincoln RI 02865

Emerald Square Mall (9.7 miles)

999 S Washington Street

North Attleboro, MA 02760-3638

FOR SCHOOL NECESSITIES

Bed Bath and Beyond (9.95 miles)

Providence Place Mall

Linens N Things (5.21 miles away)

590 Smithfield Crossing

Fun and Leisure:

MOVIE THEATERS

CinemaWorld (2.83 miles away)

Lincoln Mall, Lincoln RI

FOR FUN

Dave n Busters

Providence Place Mall, Downtown Providence RI

EP Lanes (bowling and pool)

80 Newport Ave, East Providence RI 02916

<http://www.eastprovidencelanes.com/1/index.html>

Mulligan's Island, Golf and Entertainment

1000 New London Ave

Cranston, RI 02920

<http://www.mulligansisland.com>

(401) 464-8855

Wrentham Village Premium Outlets (12.30 miles)

One Premium Outlets Boulevard

Wrentham, MA 02093

Warwick Mall (16.68 miles)

400 Bald Hill Road,

Warwick, RI 02886

<http://www.warwickmall.com/>

Swansea Mall (26.06 miles)

262 Swansea Mall Drive, Suite 775

Swansea, MA 02777

<http://www.visitswanseamall.com/html/Mallinfo.asp>

Rhode Island Mall (26.06 miles)

Routes 2 and 113,

Warwick, RI 02886

http://www.visitwarwickri.com/warwick_mall.html

Staples (4.94 miles)

230 Smithfield Crossing

Target (2.83 miles)

Lincoln Mall

622 Washington Hwy,

Lincoln, RI 02865

Showcase Cinemas North Attleboro (13.75 miles away)

640 S. Washington St, North Attleboro MA

Feinstein Imax Theater (10 miles away)

Providence Place Mall, Downtown Providence RI

Town Hall Bowling Lanes

1463 Atwood Avenue

Johnston, RI 02919

<http://www.townhalllanes.com>

(401) 831-6940

Westgate Pub Grille and Billiard

59 Westgate Drive

Brockton, MA 02301

<http://www.westgatelanes.com>

(508) 580-2911

Staying in Touch

Bryant Land Line

All students at Bryant University receive a personal phone extension and a room phone free of charge. Although anyone can reach you at your extension, you can only dial out local phone calls, without a calling card. The directory service makes dialing your friends, professors, and other school services easy and convenient.

Cell Phone Services

Cingular Wireless

445 Putnam Pike
Greenville, RI 02828
(401) 232-5100

OR

Providence Place Mall
866-246-4852

<http://www.cingular.com/home/>

Sprint

371 Putnam Pike
Smithfield, RI 02917
401-232-5678

<http://www.sprint.com/index.html>

T-Mobile

371 Putnam Pike
Smithfield, RI 02917
401-232-3175

<http://www.t-mobile.com/>

Verizon Wireless

371 Putnam Pike Ste A-305
Smithfield, RI 02917
(401) 233-4900

<http://www.verizonwireless.com/b2c/index.html>

To set up a cell phone service in the U.S. you need a Social Security Number (SSN), however there are some service providers who will register you for the service with a security deposit, which varies from server to server. Please contact the centers for more information.

About calling home from the U.S, the best way students feel is doing so by an international pre-calling card, which can be bought from the library or websites online. Bryant University also has offers to make international calls (post paid) from your room phone itself by using Paetec Communications. The documents and your personal card and number for this service will be given to all students once they arrive on campus.

Internet Services

Student Laptop Program

http://web.bryant.edu/~laptop/program_overview/program_overview.htm

Mail

Packages can be mailed through the Bryant Post Office from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. All incoming U.S. mail is sorted and distributed as soon as it arrives in the Campus Post Office. Students are assigned a box number. Please have all mail addressed as follows:

Student Name
Bryant University
Student Box Number
1150 Douglas Pike
Smithfield, RI 02917-1291

For information: <http://web.bryant.edu/~postinfo/index.html>

Weather and Clothing

Rhode Island weather is one of expectations. It has four seasons, but all milder than the rest of New England. The summers get hot enough for swimming, winters will freeze the ponds but seldom go below the teens Fahrenheit (Fahrenheit: celcius = 1.8:1). In the winter there will usually be half a dozen snowfalls of 6-8”.

For current forecast, go to: <http://smithfield.ri.local-weather.ws/>

Fall

Fall temperatures typically range from 40’s to upper 60’s. It is pretty warm in September, but the temperature drops quickly one October comes along.

Clothing during the fall season usually consists of pants, skirts, long sleeve or short sleeve shirts, light sweaters, and a light jacket from time to time. At the beginning of the fall semester, however, students are often found wearing shorts and tank tops throughout September.

Winter

Winter temperatures typically range from lower 20’s to lower 40’s. Snow can be either light or heavy, and roads can get pretty dangerous.

Clothing during the winter season usually consists of pants, sweaters, sweatshirts, heavy coats, gloves, scarves, and hats. Everyone tries to stay bundled up from December through February.

Spring

Spring temperatures typically range from lower 50’s to upper 70’s. Spring is the season in which we have the most rainfall.

Clothing during the spring season is very similar to that of fall. Remember to pack raingear unless you want to get wet. From March through May students like to wear bright colors and dress fun and sporty. Definitely keep a pair of sunglasses handy.

***Despite the above averages, RI weather is *always* unpredictable.

Breaks and Holidays

An outline of Bryant University's academic calendar can be found at <http://www.bryant.edu/bryant/news/publications/academiccalendar.jsp>

Storage space is VERY limited and students are encouraged to take all valuables home during breaks such as jewelry, computers, video games, stereos, etc. For more information, please contact Residence Life at reslife@bryant.edu or at 401-232-6140.

Useful Links

Living in the US: <http://educationusa.state.gov/life.htm>